

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MEXICO 01762 010013Z
ACTION DOE-11

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 EUR-12 ISO-00 ACDA-12 CIAE-00
INR-07 IO-13 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 NRC-05
OES-07 SOE-02 DODE-00 SS-15 SP-02 PM-05 /118 W
-----108626 010722Z /10

R 010006Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7929
INFO USDOEHQ GERMANTOWN
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
USDOEHQ WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MEXICO 01762

IAEA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TECH, MX
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) MEXICO 409 (NOTAL); (B) MEXICO 450 (NOTAL)

1. S&T COUNSELOR/DOE SCIREP HAS MADE INITIAL INQUIRIES TO ASCERTAIN MEXICAN IMPRESSIONS OF JAN 17 WASHINGTON MEETING AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. IN SO DOING HE HAS DISCUSSED MATTER BRIEFLY WITH INEN DEPUTY DIRGEN DALMAU COSTA (WHO ATTENDED MEETING) AND FONSEC IO AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRGEN REYNALDO CALDERON.

2. WE PERCEIVE NO MEXICAN OPPOSITION TO NEED FOR GOOD NUCLEAR PHYSICAL SECURITY. PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE LONG-STANDING MEXICAN COMMITMENT TO MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN ATOMIC ENERGY, AS OPPOSED TO BILATERAL. THUS, FUEL SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS (AND INDEED ENTIRE PROJECT) FOR LAGUNA VERDE REACTORS ARE VIA OR UNDER UMBRELLAS OF IAEA AGREE-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MEXICO 01762 010013Z

MENTS, RATHER THAN BILATERAL WITH U.S. THUS, MEXICANS APPEAR TO FEEL THAT PHYSICAL SECURITY SHOULD ALSO BE HANDLED MULTILATERALLY. (COSTA MENTIONED EITHER VIA IAEA OR OPANAL.) PARTICULARLY RESENTED IS CONTINUING MEXICAN-PERCEIVED REQUIREMENT OF U.S. "INSPECTION" AS PREREQUISITE TO FURTHER FUEL SHIPMENTS (WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE HAD BEEN ALL ARRANGED VIA UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WITH IAEA AND

EXISTING AEC-INEN-CFE CONTRACT).

3. BOTH INEN AND FONSEC REPS FEEL CONFIDENT THAT A SOLUTION OF SOME KIND TO CURRENT IMPASSE WILL BE FOUND. THE DELAY IN LAGUNA VERDE ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN PRESSURE OFF ANY GREAT URGENCY TO GET PROBLEM RESOLVED. NONETHELESS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FONSEC, INEN (AND PRESUMABLY CFE) WILL MEET SOON TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF WASHINGTON MEETING AND LET US KNOW MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR NEXT STEP IN THIS DIALOGUE.

4. CURRENT NEGOTIATION OF AMENDED US-IAEA AGREEMENT WAS NOT RAISED BY EITHER SIDE.

5. BEGINNING JAN 20, MEXICAN PRESS HAS HAD A FIELD DAY WITH ACCUSING U.S. OF CUTTING OFF ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY TO MEXICO, PRESSURING MEXICO WITH ENRICHED URANIUM CUTOFF TO TRY TO GET IT TO REDUCE ITS PRICE FOR NATURAL GAS, HOLDING ENRICHED URANIUM SHIPMENT AT THE BORDER, DEMANDING ENORMOUS SUMS FOR STORING NUCLEAR FUEL, AND OTHER EVEN MORE EXAGGERATED STORIES. OCCASIONALLY, A FAIRLY RATIONAL REPORT WILL APPEAR, E.G. A QUOTE OF JUAN EIBENSCHUTZ OF THE ENERGETICS COMMISSION POINTING TO THE PRESS SENSATIONALIZATION, BUT THESE ARE IN THE GREAT MINORITY. TO DATE, EMBASSY HAS AVOIDED ANY DEFINITIVE COMMENT ON THESE WILD CHARGES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MEXICO 01762 010013Z

6. COMMENT: NO DEPT OR DOE ACTION FOR THE MOMENT SEEMS CALLED FOR, AND WE WILL ADVISE WHEN WE HEAR MORE FROM THE MEXICANS. CONTINUING PRESS INQUIRIES MAY BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE STORIES APPEARING HERE. LUCEY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PHYSICAL SECURITY, NUCLEAR ENERGY, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MEXICO01762
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780047-0854
Format: TEL
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197802107/aaaadmgo.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 416c08ce-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION DOE
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 MEXICO 409, 78 MEXICO 450
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3443890
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NUCLEAR PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS
TAGS: TECH, MX, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/416c08ce-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014